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The Deficit and the Organic Act. There is no real obstacle in the way of a satisfactory solution by the House appropriations committee of the problem presented by the prospective failure of the District's revenues for the next fiscal year to by the Commissioners to maintain the capital. It is true that if the original estimates are accepted by Congress and the bill is framed according to them, the District will be unable to meet its share of the liability in each collected within the next fiscal year through the ordinary methods of taxation. There will be an apparent deficit to be met either by a direct advance from the federal will, of course, be necessary, and that legmediate recourse to the District committee.

provides the present system of government and method of preparing the District's acsioners shall submit annually to the Secrecost of maintaining the District government. No intent is shown in the language by the glorious events of Santiago. of the act that the Commissioners shall, in only the probable cash revenues from local taxation.

The estimates framed thus according to the needs of the District as the law directs and not with reference to the revenues in sight are to be approved by the Secretary, with such changes as he may deem necessary in the public interest, and then submitted to Congress. That body is then to pass upon the estimates and to the extent that it approves of them, it shall appropriate the amount of 50 per cent thereof out 50 per cent shall be levied and assessed the District other than the property of the United States

The local taxation is in theory adjusted to meet the approved estimates; and the estimates are not framed to accord with future tax revenues. It is clear, however, that the law contemplated neither a deficit nor a surplus on the District side. Neither is possible today if the law is strictly executed. But in fact the Commissioners have estimated according to probable revenues; Congress has reduced these estifound itself over-supplied with revenues, tinuance of a camp forming an annual surplus; and now, in consequence of specific congressional violations of the organic act, it faces a deficit.

The annual surpluses thus accumulated have gone into the hands of the federal government and have been held there without the payment of interest to the District. Why should not the treasury, having thus exacted from the District advances or free local partner in the maintenance of the the current needs and the new projects the revenues in sight? There should be reciprocity in these advances. For many years the District was required to raise by taxation more than one-half of the amount which Congress was willing to appropriate. Now to meet a temporary emergency the loan some addition to the half which would

properly be collected from it. The appropriations committee can justly and legally take the organic act as a guide and, following it in this emergency, approve such of the District estimates as it considers worthy of approval, and appropriate out of the federal revenues enough to meet the full federal half of the local District's tax revenue shall not suffice to the District's side of the account of a sum theft protect the public revenues? sufficient to meet the local half, with interest if preferred. This advance to meet a possible deficit of uncertain amount need Congress and of the treasury, to adjust the account between the partners as the requirements of the capital demand.

Unless Aguinaldo gets into action pretty soon, his ability to claim interest even as a side-show attraction will have departed.

Mr. Carnegie has shown that it takes ability to get rid of money properly, as well as to make it.

General Gomez is added to the list of heroes who subsequently encountered hard luck.

Schley's Courage Unquestioned. Our contemporary the Post takes exception to The Star's statement that Maclay's unpatriotic, unwarranted and unmanly characterization of Rear Admiral Schley as a coward and a caltiff was "immediately repudiated even by those who did not assent to all the claims made in Schley's behalf." The Post says:

"So far we have not heard one word of denial or even deprecation from the Navy Department or any of its representatives or favorites. • • • Produce for us one of the department cabal that has uttered a single word of protest against Maclay's foul and odious lie and we shall be glad

to beg our neighbor's pardon." The Star alleged that Maclay "offended both factions of the people," meaning thereby supporters of Sampson as well as those of Schley, and the general repudiation to which it referred was that of the people, including therein as an important factor the Navy Department. That department was in The Star's opinion as prompt and vigorous in its repudiation of the charge of cowardice as any of the unofficial supporters of Sampson who were shocked and indignant at the language

used concerning Schley. On July 19 immediately following the Maclay publication Secretary Long announced that the third volume of Maclay's history should not be used as a text book at the Naval Academy "unless the obnexious language it contains in characterizing the action of Rear Admiral Schley is eliminated." He wrote to this effect to Maciay "calling him severely to account" and to Commander Wainwright at the Naval Academy.

third volume was an adopted text book of the academy. Commander Wainwright replied, however, under date of July 20 last: "There has been no proposition to adopt this third volume as a text book or reference book. . . There is no intention here of requiring the cadets to study the history of such recent events as in the Spanish-American war. . . I do not know of a copy of the third volume at the

Naval Academy." Secretary Long not only repudiated the offensive epithets by his action, but he talked freely to newspaper men along this line. The Baltimore American, for instance, whose testimony on this subject the Post will undoubtedly accept and which it must have read, printed an interview had with Secretary Long on July 19, over which it places these headings:

"Maclay's scurrilous history prohibited at Annapolis, the author called to account and Schley relieved of opprobrious charges. "Secretary Long prompt in his disavowal." Tells an American correspondent that

Schley is not a coward." In the body of the article summarizing the interview the American says "these meet the local share of the full sum asked | three points were positively established: 1. The Navy Department does not believe that Admiral Schley is a coward."

In the course of the interview Secretary Long is quoted as saying: "I do not think for a moment that it was attributable to any lack of courage," and again: "No man who knows Schley thinks him a coward." After it had been developed that Maclay's third volume had not been adopted as a treasury to the District's account, or by a text book at the Academy, that there was bond issue. If the latter alternative is no proposition to adopt or intention of adopted, though the weight of argument is adopting it, that there was not even a copy against it, legislation to authorize the issue of it at the Academy, and after Secretary Long had prohibited its useat Annapolis and islation must originate with the District | repudiated the obnoxious epithets contained committee. But if the federal advance is in it, Admiral Schley, influenced by unwise to be the means of solution, there is no need advisers, applied for a court of inquiry. of delay or a curtailment of the estimates Not content with the general and enthuin the appropriations committee, or of im- stastic acquittal by the public and the Navy Department of the charge of cowardice and Examination of the organic act, which the honor bestowed upon him by the people for the important part played by him and for the District, discloses the precise order the Brooklyn in the Santiago battle, he was misled into opening up a naval inquiry into counts. That act requires that the Commis- his relations to the department and his acts or omissions prior to the battle while tary of the Treasury a statement of the he was in command of the flying squadron. work proposed to be undertaken by them | The public cared little or nothing for these during the ensuing year, and an estimate things. The Navy Department had already of its cost, together with an estimate of the treated its complaints against him for his conduct during this period as swept away

-If Schley had proceeded against Maclay framing their estimates, take into account | for criminal libel and applied pressure to the Navy Department for the latter's dismissal his position would have been impregnable and his attack irresistible. The very fact of asking an inquiry furnished an excuse for not dealing with Maclay

until the inquiry had ended. The poor advisers who brought about the naval inquiry, putting Schley on the defensive when he should have been attacking Maclay and those who could be shown to be associated with him, have also forced the rear admiral into the position of first of the federal treasury, and the remaining enthusiastically praising Benham and Ramsay as just and impartial judges and then upon the taxable property and privileges of when their finding was unfavorable of abusing them, and are now lauding Dewey's decision at the expense of Benham's and Ramsay's, when it is evident to all the world that Dewey's decision on nearly all of the issues considered by the court was distinctly hostile to Schley. Logically it will be next in order to abuse Dewey.

The Star hopes that the whole scandal may cease. Praise and blame have been apportioned by the tribunal of Admiral Schley's choice. The verdict of the people mates and appropriated in accordance, and on all the issues is also fixed. There is the District has, until very recent years, nothing to be gained by persistent conhitter agitation based on misunderstandings and misrepre

sentations.

Tammany's Official Honesty. As the new year approaches and Tammany's term of office shortens, some de cidedly unpleasant disclosures reflecting upon the Tammany method of administration are being made, through the coarse loans for many years, now advance to its work of peculative clerks. In the controller's office the other day one of the national capital a sum sufficient to meet trusted employes was proved to be a defaulter for a considerable sum, and now when the estimates exceed, for the present, his associates are under suspicion, while his immediate chief has been placed on trial before the controller for inefficiency. There also comes news of the defalcation of another trusted clerk, this time acting treasurer of the department of charities, whose Tammany-bossed chief has more than once nation should be permitted to advance as a been placed conspicuously before the criccal public. He has made good his flight and

the extent of his shortage is not yet learned The question agitating the New York mind today is: If Tammany Hall is forced by the bad condition of affairs to permit such disclosures to reach the public, reflecting upon the efficiency of its rule, how many more leaks will the reform administration find? Has the city treasury been budget, framed according to the needs of systematically looted during the past four the growing District, assuming that if the years? Has every department held a thief or a gang of thieves? How far up the line meet its share of the expenditure, there does the official responsibility run? Why will be provided a partnership advance to did not the ordinary safeguards against

These questions are natural, and the public apprehension that Tammany is itself responsible for the losses is justifiable. The not in fact be authorized simultaneously whole Tammany scheme of politics is with the presentation of the appropriation | "practical." It turns upon the question of bill to the House. It may be provided at a rewards and rake-offs. The organization later stage. The whole case is in the is held together by the promise of a chance hands of the appropriations committees, of at the feeding trough. The heeler is encouraged by the prospect of official contracts worth twice as much as those secured in the ordinary run of business. The voters get soft places at big salaries. The leaders manipulate public works for the benefit of the chosen ones. The dominant thought is to find the shortest way to private riches. The welfare of the city comes last. Why should not the understrappers of such an administration feel themselves entitled to a few of the pickings? The very atmosphere is surcharged with dishonesty. There is no premium upon scrupulous performance of strict duty, while there is every temptation to make the most of the fleeting chance of the office-holder. These peculations at the eleventh hour are true

> The average Chicago man has so much fault to find with the way the town is run that his only comfort is in the observation that it is better than New York.

England has usually managed to avoid any misunderstandings as to the sending of a delegation to see a President of the United States inaugurated.

It has been asserted and denied that Senator Clarke has spent a fortune for pic-

tures in Europe. After all, it is the senator's own business Elder Dowie has discovered the difficulty

of trying to put a bank book and a prayer book into the same binding.

Stoning General Gomez. The stoning of General Gomez at one or two of his meetings during his recent stumping tour in Cuba was an inexcusable manifestation of rowdyism, but it does not properly serve as a text for discrediting the whole Cuban people. A great deal too much is being made of the episode by some of the American newspapers. Have they forgotten that we sometimes err ourselves in the matter of fickleness toward public men? That the hero of one year has more than once with us, and without justification, been

the despised one of the next. A few years ago John G. Carlisle, then Secretary of the Treasury, visited his old home at Covington, Ky. He is the most A-workin ten short hours a day at Pohick

tion was based on the assumption that this ly twenty years had represented that district in Congress. But as a member of Mr. Cleveland's second cabinet he had given his support to the gold standard side of the financial controversy, and in so doing had offended some of his old constituents. The announcement of a speech by him drew an enormous crowd to the place of meeting, and when the distinguished statesman appeared on the platform he was egged by the rowdies present, and the meeting was broken up. It was a most disgraceful proceeding, but it did not argue that the Covingtonians were as a people unfit for selfgovernment. It did not cost them their charter, and the town is still doing business as a municipality.

The proprieties attaching to his high office and his lack of taste for that sort of service kept Ar. Cleveland off the stump in 1896, but can anybody doubt what his reception would have been if he had offered himself as a speaker in that campaign? A few years before, and he had been idolized by the democrats of the south and west. They had chanted his praises in the most extravagant terms, and had voted him a second time into the White House with manifestations of joy. Now he was detested; and if he had set out on a stumping tour against free silver and financial rufe the army of the United States-then twenty-five thousand strong-would have been none too large for the duties of a body guard. As it was, his name in the campaign, whether uttered by Mr. Bryan, or any of Mr. Bryan's lieutenants, was received with groans and hisses. Figuratively, the people in that way threw rocks at their former idol.

The Maso people have probably been completely outgeneraled, and are very sore. It is their first experience. They will learn with time. Let us be patient with them. Give them a chance. Maybe when they try again under another leader they'll bear themselves philosophically. Taking a beating becomingly is a difficult thing to do even for an old hand at the business.

Francis Schlatter, who called himself a divine healer," is now in Pennsylvania after being released from a New York tail. where he was compelled to submit to a haircut and a shave. He pathetically declares he is a broken man, but what he probably means is "broke."

A North Dakota court is reported to have rendered a decision that it is not a crime for a cowboy to give an Indian a confederate \$50 note in exchange for a pony. It is not surprising that so many Indians refuse to regard anything as legal tender except

Shakespeare and Bacon would both have been pretty well disgusted if they could have foreseen the theories that posterity would evolve. They would no doubt have endeavored to quiet the dispute by the suggestion that there is glory enough to go

Mr. Croker has felt obliged to modestly confess that after looking the field over, he has been unable to select a competent successor to himself in the leadership of

If Minister Wu could succeed in having the exclusion laws modified his home government would undoubtedly forgive him for becoming popular in this country. General Grosvenor's idea of compelling

dealers to frankly declare "shoddy" goods as such will inspire new hope in the man who wears ready-made clothes. The rivalry for the honor of being the

first to suggest Mr. Roosevelt as the candidate for the next republican nomination has begun quite early.

Senator Depew journeyed to the continent, thus relieving Alfred Austin of the temptation to try to cement Anglo-American friendship by an ode.

Affairs in Asia are assuming shape which prevents much hope for any more grand martial displays for Count von Waldersee Cuba has not become so absorbed in local

politics as to lose sight of the importance of the sugar tariff question. Japan is to give China instructions in the

art of war. This looks as if Cama intended to get civilized in earnest.

SHOOTING STARS.

The Artist's Enthasiasm. "Have you done anything with that mysery yet?" asked the friend.

'Yes," answered the detective, "we have found several clues that make it more mysterious than ever, which fact you will of course understand very materially enhances our artistic enjoyment.

Not Through Yet. "What kind of a Christmas did you pass?" asked the friend.

"The same as usual," answered Mr. Bliggins, sourly. "Twenty minutes of turkey and mince pie, and six weeks of pepsin."

Difficulties. Great men to Congress now draw near And pretty soon you'll hear them sigh, "I'd surely reach the public ear-

If I could catch the Speaker's eye." A Patriotic Boast. "There is one thing to be said in favor of ur style of government," said the South American dictator

"What is that?" "It promotes veracity. When some one starts a rumor that a high official is going to relinquish office, you can pretty near de-

end on its coming true." Peculiarities of Sports. "There isn't as much kicking in foot ball as I had expected," said the young

"No," said the young man. "If you enjoy kicking you want to take an interest in base ball.'

A Lesson. don't want any office. I have been to Washington.

I've kep' my eyes wide open, seein' how the trick was done. wouldn't have none of 'em, if they'd let me take my pick;

I'd rather tend to business here at Pohick on-the-Crick. stood right by my congressman clear

through the busy day; I knowed he'd like to see me, so I didn' stay away. It surely beat my time to see the way he'd have to stand

A-sayin' howdy-do an' shakin' people by the hand; An' when I stopped to ask him what so Josiah R. Bailey, 500 7th st. much politeness meant He simply heaved a sigh an' said, "He's

An' then he answered letters. Then h says to me, saye he, "This afternoon I'm goin' to attend

violet tea." An' so it went each day I called, with duty ever pressin' tell you, this official life must keep feller guessin'.

Now, everybody knows that public office is a grind That calls fur work an' talents of the very highest kind:

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Robes

OR social functions are particularly rich and handsome this season—and such are here at our Lace Department.

Most fascinating, perhaps, is the one wrought of real lace—fit for a princess. The entire skirt is in one piece, elaborately sprayed with interlacing flowers and their foliage, all in the softest tints of cream.

Daintier, perhaps, may be thought the one of white and silver-a beautiful combination for blonde and brunette alike.

More artistic, some would say, are the robes embellished with sprays of chiffon and velvet flowers—the newest creation suggested by nature.

Here are also robes of black lace, Spanish and Chantilly, with elaboration of ruffles on lower part of skirt, Others are of spangled net, all black, but different in design-hence patrons need have no

fear of seeing their toilettes duplicated in a fashionable assemblage of beautifully gowned women; as here are one-of-a-kind only, being selected abroad personally by our foreign buyers. These Gowns are to be worn over Dainty French Lingerie and Elegant Silk Petticoats, whi 'n may be here obtained in a diversity of exquisite effects.

Evening Materials ORROW new beauty from the glow of artificial light, as may be seen in our illuminated room at upper end of Silk Salon.

New and modish materials are here in daintiest and richest shades. Silks of the finest weave-plain and flowered; brocades in new designs, velvets in black and rich colorings, liberty satins having the luster of the heavy satins, worn from the Colonial period to the present, with the new softness which lends so much grace to the wearer.

Here are, also, the new fancy crepes and other fabrics from which may be selected patterns for a variety of gowns to suit individual tastes-from the simplest to the most elaborate-and for all social occasions.

Embellishments

ASTEFUL and exquisite are the trimmings for evening dress materials. Elegant appliques in flowers and medallions, pearl ornamentations, delicate embroideries, chiffon flowers in wreaths and festoons and many and various other embellishments, airy and pretty, heavy and elaborate.

Our varied collection of rare laces displays the dainty Valenciennes suitable to edge the ruffles of the debutante's simple dress, and the royal points appropriate to the richest gowns of long-established queens of the social realm. A doubly rich lace has its flowers and leaves traced with threads of gold.

Ribbons are ever charming, especially for the youthful, and here are ribbons of every hue; also white double-faced satin sash ribbon; beautiful sashes in floral brocades, and the light gauzes in harmony with sylphine toilettes.

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Fans, Perfumes LOVES are the important part of an evening toilette—the fit must be perfect, and this is assured, as well as the soft pliable quality that would seem molded to the hand. Here are choice gloves in white and slightly perceptible shades for morning or evening social

events; also in tones for calling. The same law of full-dress that requires a daintily gloved hand, demands also a properly shod foot; and here are the light slippers and the new sandals, elastic and delightful for evening wear; also the proper shoes for calling, etc.

A beautiful handkerchief adds grace to the perfection of dress. Here are most pleasing ones of Point Duchesse, Point Applique, Point d'Alencon and Valenciennes laces; also the sheerest linen ones, daintily hand-embroidered, and others prettily hemstitched and edged with very narrow lace—suitable to the simplicity of the debutante's costume.

No evening toilette is complete without a Fan. Our empire lace and spangled fans are

highly artistic; and very beautiful also are those hand-painted in floral designs. Here also are perfumes, delicate and refined, in favorite extracts and colognes.

VENING array has necessarily its own head covering, and this attractive feature has received particular care in our importations of Paris Millinery which include its distinguished styles of the ball. Here are, moreover, Spanish Lace Scarfs, Liberty Silk Squares and Ice Wool Fascinators.

Opera Cloaks constitute a distinctive mode of evening apparel and never have they been of greater beauty and elegance. The social season must needs bring into much use other hats, wraps and furs than those appropriate to evening wear. Much visiting and going to afternoon receptions, whether in carriage or afoot, calls for wraps of grace and elegance as well as of warmth and comfort.

Calling Costumes off T is customary to "make the calls" during the season, and to do so, one must be appro-

priately gowned. If not already supplied it is desirable to procure them already made, as the season being at hand, little time can be spared for fitting and making. Suitable ones are offered in cloth which justly holds high favor; also in other fabrics,

stylish and comfortable. Should you prefer, however, to select the goods and have your gowns made, here are all the necessary materials. Church gowns are also to be considered. Ours are most elegantly tailored, handsome but

without display. Here also are suits appropriate to appear in at the Capitol, whither so many fashionable women go during the congressional season.

Men's Attire OME styles for men may be appropriately mentioned, not only because they, too, are particularly interested in dress during the season, but also, for the reason that the mother, wife, or sister, is often the purchaser of the little indispensables for the male members

Gloves in pearl-white for evening; white or lightest gray for day weddings or other social functions. Collars in approved styles for evening; also for social day wear,

Cravats in twilled silk or brocade, white, cream or suede for formal functions of the day, and for full-dress the simple lawn tie now made with square ends. Half hose, black silk and clocked. Handkerchiefs, the new silk ones, with small initials imbedded in flowers; and equally if

not more elegant, the superfine linen ones with initials set in a small shield of palest pink or blue. Home Adornments HE hostess having the success of her entertainment and the pleasure of her guests at

heart, desires that her home be in harmony with the occasion. Some rooms she would have entirely refurnished, others refitted to considerable extent; a few rugs added; some fancy tables may be needed, and there is perhaps room for a new cabinet and spaces for

statuary and electroliers, or tabourettes for blooming plants. An oriental corner may be added and some of the new draperies here would contribute their grace and elegance. Exclusive and artistic adornments may be selected from our vast collection of beautiful

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will soften the radiance falling over all. Here also are Jardinieres for plants, and tall Glass Vases for long-stemmed roses.

Stationery

ANY notes and letters are to be written and answered during the social season, hence correct stationery is imperative. Informal invitations are extended on note paper and correct stationery is imperative. Informal invitations are in accordance with the old English custom many of the formal dinner invitations are the replies being in the same style. informally written by the hosters, the replies being in the same style.

The latest and best paper is here, both white and tints. Here also are boxes containing both letter and note paper and envelopes; and others with contents divided between the new gray and pearl white, the newest thing in letter fashion; indeed, here is everything pertaining to card etiquette: crests, monograms and addresses are embellished on choice stationery, and visiting cards are engraved.

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